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Civil society can play a crucial role by fostering a meaningful engagement strategy with the Pakistan UNTOC Review Mechanism National Focal Person and key state stakeholders involved in the process. It has been a journey of significant contribution by civil society through a proactive partnership with the Government and state stakeholders. A solid foundation has been laid for a long-term mechanism under different Review clusters.

In the context of international cooperation, especially amongst the law enforcement agencies, the role of civil society was recognized today to be part of the WG on IC for meaningful interactions. We thank you, chair, for including that in your report.

The following are salient points:

- 1) Rule of law, due process, and human rights must be recognized as a sine qua non of international cooperation.
- 2) Expertise and technical assistance are needed to bridge the gap in mutual legal assistance regimes.
- 3) InterContinental Dialogues are needed to share experiences.

The Way Forward:

- 1) South-South Dialogue along with North-South Dialogue.
- 2) Institutional Implementation Framework.

Thank you.

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